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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 9709

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT UR US
SUBJECT: TASS ATTACKS PRESS TREATMENT OF AMBASSADOR'S INTENDED
JULY 4 TELEVISION ADDRESS

1. TASS POLITICAL COMMENTATOR YURIY KORNILOV HAS
SHARPLY WORDED ATTACK ON TASS ENGLISH WIRE JULY 6
(ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS FULL FBIS TEXT).
2. KORNILOV ATTACKS "BOURGEOIS PRESS" OVER "FUSS" THEY
REPORTEDLY MADE BECAUSE SOVIET AUTHORITIES REFUSED
TELEVISION TIME TO AMBASSADOR TOON FOR TRADITIONAL
JULY 4 STATEMENT.
3. THE TONE OF KORNILOV'S COMMENTS IS DECIDEDLY DEFENSIVE,
ATTEMPTING TO SHOW THAT IN FACT SOVIETS ARE NOT OPPOSED
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TO DISCUSSING HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOVIET MEDIA AND CITES
EXAMPLES OF PROMINENT STATEMEN AND PUBLIC
FIGURES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES WHO REGULARLY
SPEAK AND FREELY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWPOINTS.
HE ALSO ASSERTS THAT IT IS "QUITE NATURAL"
THAT THE SOVIET MEDIA DO NOT PROMOTE THE "NOISY
CAMPAIGN" BEING PUSHED BY "THOSE CIRCLES" WHO

TRY TO DISTORT "SOCIALISM" AND INTERFERE WITH
THE IMPROVEMENT OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: KORNILOV'S STATEMENT, WHICH THUS
FAR HAS NOT APPEARED IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION,
IS OVERWHELMINGLY DEFENSIVE IN TONE. IT IS
CAREFULLY WORDED TO AVOID ANY ATTACK ON AMBASSADOR
TOON OR THE USG AND RESTRICTS ITS INVECTIVE TO
THE WESTERN PRESS AND "THOSE CIRCLES" (NOT FURTHER
DEFINED). IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT TASS FELT OBLIGED
TO RESPOND SO STRONGLY TO WESTERN PRESS REPORTS
ON THE TELEVISION INCIDENT, AND SHOWS THE CONSIDERABLE
SENSITIVITY WHICH SOVIETS OBVIOUSLY FEEL OVER THE
DENIAL TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE USUAL COURTESY OF A
TELEVISION ADDRESS ON THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL DAY.
SINCE NEITHER THE AMBASSADOR NOR THE USG ARE THE
OBJECT OF KORNILOV'S INVECTIVE, WE DO NOT PLAN TO ISSUE
ANY STATEMENT OR COMMENT ON THE ARTICLE OTHER THAN TO RE-
AFFIRM THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MONDAY'S EVENTS.
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